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SUBJECT: VISIT OF USDA/FSQS OFFICIALS TO DAVID SLAUGHTERHOUSES

1. DRS. C.L. BELFIELD AND H.J. KAUTMAN, USDA/FSQS, VISITED TWO SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN DAVID, PROVINCE OF CHIRIQUI, SEPTEMBER 14, ACCOMPANIED BY DR. ROGELIO DOMINGUEZ, CHIEF, VETERINARY DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. THE SLAUGHTERHOUSES WERE PLANT #2 - CENTRAL AMERICAN BEEF DE PANAMA, S.A. AND PLANT #12 - KARNE DE CHIRIQUI, S.A.; BOTH ARE CERTIFIED BY GOP TO EXPORT MEAT TO THE U.S.

2. DR. BELFIELD REPORTED THAT BOTH PLANTS ARE GENERALLY IN GOOD CONDITION AND THAT MANY OF THE SHORTCOMINGS NOTED BY DR. WEATHERSBY, FSQS, EARLIER IN THE YEAR HAD BEEN CORRECTED. HOWEVER, HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT PLANT MAINTENANCE AND CLEANLINESS NEEDED IMPROVEMENT. MANAGEMENT AT BOTH PLANTS WAS RECEPTIVE TO HIS SUGGESTIONS AND SEEMED WILLING TO CARRY THEM OUT. WHEN THIS IS DONE, BOTH PLANTS WILL SUBSTANTIALLY BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH USDA STANDARDS.

3. DR. BELFIELD SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF SAMPLES TESTED IN 1976 WAS STATISTICALLY COMPARABLE TO U.S. TESTING NORMS, BUT REITERATED THE NEED FOR REGULAR TESTING AND PROMPT REPORTING OF THE RESULTS WHEN REQUESTED. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GOP  
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NOTIFY USDA, IN WRITING, THAT THE COMMERCIAL MEAT-TESTING LAB IN PANAMA WAS TO BE DESIGNATED AS AN OFFICIAL LAB FOR RESIDUE ANALYSIS. ALBERTO GONZALEZ, GENERAL-MANAGER OF KARNE, EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING A RESIDUE-TESTING LAB IN DAVID, AND DR. BELFIELD AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT, SHOULD THIS PROJECT COME TO FRUITION, OFFICIAL WRITTEN NOTICE BE SENT TO USDA.

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